

# WILL CATCH THEIR BAIT.

## Gloucester Bankers Enter Ports on Treaty Coast.

### TROUBLE MAY FOLLOW SOON.

#### Newfoundland Ministry Now Considering Situation.

A despatch from St. John's, N. F., yesterday, says:

"Three Gloucester fishing vessels with appliances for taking their own bait have entered the western harbors where American fishermen enjoy fishery rights under the treaty of 1818, and have declared their intention to bait themselves.

"The customs collectors have telegraphed the government for instructions whether to allow this, Premier Bond having declared last winter that the government's interpretation of the treaty was that harbors were distinct from coast, and that treaty rights applicable to coast are inapplicable to harbors or inlets.

"The ministry is now considering the matter, which assumes a 'grave aspect' as bearing upon the future of fishery relations of Newfoundland and the United States."

### SAVAGE BLUEFISH.

#### They Act Like Sheep Killing Dogs Among the Ewes.

All unseen, a desperate tragedy was in full swing. A horde of blue thugs was harrying a crowding mass of helpless moss bunkers, as was attested by a greasy streak on the surface and floating fragments of the fish which had been chopped in two by powerful and merciless jaws, writes Edwyn Sandys in Recreation. This is the way of the blue. Among the schools of small fry he is like a dog among sheep; he seems to slay from sheer lust of slaughter. The skipper later declared that a bluefish will cram itself to the jaws with sections of its victims, then, when there is room for no more, eject the mangled mass and begin all over again.

This may or may not be true, but certain it is that the blue is possessed of an appalling voracity, which the fragments of its victims do not seem to satisfy. The terns know this, hence their close attendance when the carnage begins. While nature often seems to work in a savage mood and to impel her creatures to what may look like outrageous slaughter, a little of close observation seldom fails to discover a method in the apparent madness. The terns and other sea fowl are grateful for all scraps that float, while on the bottom bide the slow moving scavengers, ready to take care of whatever sinks their way. Nothing is wasted, and the lobster, crab and other bottom feeders must bless the name of the bluefish.

### DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

#### To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, via Boston, 35,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary A. Whalen, via Boston, 30,000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Helen B. Thomas, via Boston, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.50 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Georges, Channel and Cashes large fresh codfish, \$2.25; medium do., \$1.75; all other large fresh codfish \$2.00; medium do, \$1.62 1-2; Georges, Channel and Cashes fresh haddock, \$1.00; all other fresh haddock, 90 cts.; hake, 80 cts.; pollock, 75 cts.

Rips cod, \$4.50 per cwt. for large, \$3.75 for mediums and \$2.25 for snappers.

Fresh mackerel, 14 1-2 cts. each.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.05.

Fresh halibut, 9 cts. per lb. for white and 6 1-2 cents for gray.

Georges salt mackerel, \$16.00 per bbl.

#### Boston

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 500 haddock, 18,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Gladys and Sabra, 2000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Grace Darling, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Henrietta G. Martin, 10,000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Sachem, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 7000 pollock, 4 swordfish.

Sch. William H. Cross, 90 swordfish.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 1000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Alcina, 2000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Lafayette, 65 swordfish.

Sch. Actor, 100 swordfish.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$2.75; large cod, \$2.25 to \$2.30; market cod, \$1.60; pollock, \$1; hake, \$1 to \$1.50; swordfish, 3 1-2 cents.

### FIGHT WITH SWORDFISH.

#### One of Crew of Sch. Almeida Had Exciting Experience.

The crew of sch. Almeida, Capt. Johnson, which arrived at Boston, yesterday morning with 103 big swordfish, had rather an exciting time while fishing on Georges. Last Tuesday a big swordfish was landed, and Charles Prime, one of the crew, started out in the dory to secure the prize. The fish started off with the iron in its body, but suddenly it turned about and darted straight for the dory, plunging its sword its full length into the bottom of the boat. The sword, which came within an inch of Prime's foot, was sawed off and the fish was hoisted on board. On Thursday Charles A. Freeman, another member of the crew, had a similar experience while following a big fish, but he escaped injury.

### HAUL OF TINKER MACKEREL.

#### Story's Trap at Milk Island Took 15 Barrels.

Story's trap at Milk Island took 15 barrels of tinker mackerel last night. The fish measured 11 inches in length.

### Bank Cod Sale.

The fare of salt bank cod of sch. Maryland sold to Cunningham & Thompson at \$8.62 1-2 per hundred weight for large and \$3.37 1-2 for medium.

### FROM THE CULTIVATOR.

#### Three Trips of Fresh Mackerel Here and Few at Boston.

#### Vessels Find Bare Market and Strike Good Prices.

This forenoon, schs. Arthur James and Corsair arrived at Boston with fine fresh mackerel fares, the former having 7000 fresh and the latter 9000 fresh fish. The fares of both vessels sold at 19 cents.

Sch. Faustina, Capt. Augusts G. Hall, arrived here about 11 o'clock this forenoon with another fare of mackerel, having 9000 in count. All three crafts secured their trip on the Cultivator Shoal.

Sch. Lizzie M. Stanley, Capt. Joshua Stanley, arrived this morning from the Cultivator Shoal with 100 barrels of salt mackerel and 2000 fresh mackerel in count, the latter being taken at that place Sunday. Capt. Stanley reports 11 sail there at the time and more coming when he left.

The little schooner Grace E. Freeman arrived from Block Island yesterday with five barrels of salt tinker mackerel which sold to the Gloucester Mackerel Company at \$13 per barrel.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, Capt. William J. Corkum, arrived from the same place this forenoon with 6000 fresh mackerel in count and 40 barrels of salt mackerel. Sch. Corsair, which also made a haul at the same time as did the Smith and Stanley, is expected along before afternoon. The captains report that some fish were schooling but no others took any fish up to the time they left.

The fresh mackerel here this morning sold at 18 cents apiece, the fare of sch. Lizzie M. Stanley going to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company and the fare of sch. Priscilla Smith selling to William E. Dennett.

The Dominion Fisheries Bureau of Saturday reports mackerel reported plentiful at Liverpool and one barrel was taken in the trap that day; at Lunenburg, one trap had 1800 large mackerel; mackerel were reported at Spry Bay, and fair at Salmon River; at Grindstone, Magdalen's, mackerel were reported fair.

### BANNER SWORDFISH FARE.

#### Sch. Teresa and Alice Landed 141 Fish at Boston Today.

Sch. Teresa and Alice of Boston landed the banner swordfish fare of the season at Boston today, having on board 141 swordfish. The craft is commanded by Capt. George Perry of this city.

### MANY TRIPS AT BOSTON.

#### Over 875,000 Pounds of Fresh Fish at That Port Today.

There are several fresh trips at Boston, aggregating over 875,000 pounds. The largest fares were brought in by schs. Shepher King, with 80,000 pounds of haddock, Jessie Costa, 75,000 pounds, Selma, 80,000 pounds, and Manhasset, 60,000 pounds mixed fish.